(c) whether any such assistance has been/being provided to Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of assistance sanctioned so far for setting up of Model Drivers' Training School during Tenth Five Year Plan are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Name of the Driving Institute sanctioned | Total Central Assistance |
|---|---|
| Driving Training School, Guwahati, Assam | 394 |
| Driving Training School, Hagaribommanahalli, Bellary District, Kamataka | 269 |
| Driving Training School, Kolkata, West Bengal | 328 |
| Driving Training School, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh by Krishna District Lorry Owners Association | 400 |
| Driving Training School, Jassur, Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh | 181 |
| Driving Training School at Edappal in Malappuram, Kerala | 299 |
| Driving Training School at Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi by Institute of Driving Training and Research, Delhi | 325 |

(c) to (e) Assistance of Rs. 84.74 lakh had been provided in Ninth Five Year Plan for strengthening of Institute of Road Transport in Tamil Nadu.

**Prime Minister's road project**

2504. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any virtual cut in allocation of plan support for Prime Minister's road project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of good quality all weather road works cleared during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) It is presumed that Hon'ble MP is referring to the ongoing National Highways Development Project (NHDP), which includes Golden Quadrilateral, North South and East-West Corridors.

No, Sir. There is no cut in allocation of the fund. The fund allocation for the NHDP is being released by the Government commensurate with the work progress.

(c) Allahabad Bypass Contract-ll from km 158 to km 198 of NH-2 has been awarded under the NHDP during the year 2004-2005 so far.

**Trilateral highway project**

2505. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTI LAL VORA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started on a trilateral highway project linking India with Thailand Burma;

(b) if so, the progress on the proposed project so far; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and whether Government of Burma and Thailand would contribute to the said project and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) The Foreign Ministers of India, Myanmar and Thailand met in April, 2002 at Yangoon (Myanmar) and agreed, *inter-alia,* for construction of a highways from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand through Bagan in Myanmar linking India, Myanmar and Thailand and also to establish Technical and Financial Task Forces. The last meeting of the Task Forces was held at New Delhi during December 2003, which was followed by a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the three countries. Various Technical and